

AGENDA



Thursday, October 16, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SOUTHWEST CORPORATION, Austin, TX, for the retrofit of the automated doors at the John Henry Faulk Central Library in an amount of \$233,201.64 plus a contingency of \$26,798.46 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$260,000.10.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Library Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest, responsive bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

The existing automated door system at the Faulk Central Library is part of the building's original equipment, dating from the time of its construction in 1979. This swing type door system, activated by pressure foot pad controls, is obsolete equipment, and its problematic operation presents safety concerns for children and handicapped customers. A new sliding door system with motion detector sensors will be installed to enhance public safety and comply with current Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessibility standards.

The retrofit project will entail replacement of a portion of the surrounding fixed-glass storefront to accommodate new, in-line automated doors. Some floor finishes at the front entrance to the main library are expected to be damaged during demolition and will be replaced as well. A construction contingency of \$26,798.46 is being requested so that the project may expeditiously resolve any hidden conditions encountered.

This contract allows 120 days for substantial completion of the project after Notice to Proceed is issued.